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ON THE LINE

Secretary of State Christian H. Herter recently solemnly told the people of West Berlin, who lined the streets to cheer him, that the United States would not let them down.

The United States' Secretary of State put it squarely on the line, and the Russians should have no doubts about our determination to back up our rights in Berlin after the Herter visit to that city. It is reported that Herter was warmly received and visibly impressed by the reception of the millions in West Berlin.

There could be little possibility that Mr. Herter's words would be misunderstood. For example, he said:

"Western rights in Berlin are clear, and cannot be terminated by the unilateral action of any power. We have not accepted, and will not accept, any deadline."

A little later in his speech, Herter went even further, saying: "This is a binding commitment, and the United States will abide by it. The West Berliners regard our troops here and those of Britain and France as defenders of their freedom. Their presence is essential to the freedom of the people of Berlin, and will be preserved."

And, if any further emphasis were needed, Secretary Herter said—though putting it in restrained words, that: "The United States will not forget its' responsibilities to Berlin."

The United States cannot afford to back down on the Berlin crisis, or lose face in any way, or refuse to support its rights and the people of West Berlin. Appeasement of a power-happy Provincial like Nikita Khrushchev would only lead to further crises and more intolerable situations for the Western democracies. Both Secretary Dulles, and now Secretary Herter, have said flatly that we would not be pushed out of Berlin, and the United States cannot — under any circumstances —withdraw from this position without incurring an ominous and far-reaching diplomatic and propagandh defeat, which could only lead to even more serious trouble.

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A PERSONAL SUGGESTION

With the opening of schools a few short days away, we beg to offer a personal suggestion to parents. That would be that you have your child visit your dentist and your family doctor for a physical check-up. Such personal matters as eyes and teeth and general physical well-being are tremendously important for the growing child. If the child needs glasses, get them. If the teeth need attention, get it done now, before school opens. Do not permit physical condition to weaken your child's use of the opportunities of education ahead.

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THE DAYS OF AUGUST

August — the last full month of summer — is a month with great military significance, both for the United States and for the world. It was in August of 1914 that England and Germany went to war, and it was in August of 1939 that the crisis over Berlin came to a head, and caused World War II. (This was actually declared three days after August had ended, on September 3rd, 1939).

The first peace draft between the United States and Spain occurred on August 12th in 1898, and the peace treaty with Turkey, which finally came after several ill-fated attempts by the allies to bring Turkey "into line" was signed on August 10th, 1920.

Fulton's steamboat made its first trial trip on August 11th, 1807, and it is interesting to know that Columbus began his first voyage to the New World a week earlier, back in 1492.

Merritt and Dewey took Manila, in 1898, for the Americans against the Spanish, in another military action remembered in August. And, on the 14th, in 1900, U. S. troops entered Pekin. Also, in 1945, Japan surrendered to the Allies, ending World War II.

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THE HAY FEVER SEASON

Those who have their annual trouble with the sniffles and sneezes in the late summer and fall can get ready for a bumper hay fever season. The annual peak of the ragweed season is approaching.

The height of the season comes at slightly varying times in different parts of the country. In the more northern sections, the peak of the pollen season comes between August 15th and September 15th. In more southern areas the peak is experienced slightly later in the year.

As a general rule, most people can tolerate a pollen count of less than twenty-five grains of pollen in each cubic yard of air. However, some are bothered by a count of ten or fifteen, while a few cannot tolerate a count of five or less.

Hay fever is not a disturbance to be taken lightly, and it is estimated that several people out of each hundred in the United States suffer from its effects each year. That would mean that millions of Americans are affected by it.

Perhaps the best remedy for most people today consists of injections of an extract from the ragweed plants. Allergy tests, and such injections, can help a large percentage of sufferers. This method is coming into increasing use and should be considered by all who suffer from hay fever.

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The Bible still outsells any book published, and, whether you believe it or not, it is still being read.

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The best friend is the one who tells you the truth, not the one who tells you what you want him to.

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Jobs often mean little or nothing to those who have them; they mean everything to those needing them.

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There are some people in every community who really believe in the dictator principle, provided they can be dictator.

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If all the energy that is being directed at reforming other people could be self-directed, what a race we would have on earth!

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Peace is not a matter of standing idle. It is an ideal to be fought for with all the wisdom and all the experience of the ages.

One of the mysteries of life is why people with brains are too busy to use them.

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When the truth hurts an enterprise, there is something wrong with the enterprise.

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Most of the good things that come to individuals in life have to be paid for in some manner.

Washington Notes

Bonds Urged For Roads

The House Ways and Means Committee has recommended that the interstate highway building program be financed with a $1,000,000,000 revenue bond issue.

It rejected President Eisenhower's call for taxing motorists 1½ cents more for a gallon of gasoline.

The bonds, drawn against the assets of the highway trust fund, would be paid off within five years.

Compromise Food Bill

A House-Senate conference committee has agreed on a compromise $3,953,000,000 money bill to finance activities of the Labor and Health, Education and Welfare Departments in the current fiscal year.

The compromise carried $269,000,000 more than President Eisenhower had requested.

Corn Stays in Corn Belt

A Department of Agriculture survey shows that nearly half the nation's supply of corn was stored in Iowa and Illinois. The total on July 1 was 2,240,000,000 bushels. Iowa had 628,500,000 and Illinois 428,200,000. Nebraska was third, with 243,500,000, Minnesota fourth with 205,500,000, and Indiana fifth with 144,000,000.

Rail Hearing

Railroad groups contend that enactment of a bill to aid the nation's commuters would raise new obstacles to efficient railway operation.

All urged Congress to give the Transportation Act of 1958 more time to prove itself.

Postage Rire Sought

A five-year gradual increase in mail rates for large magazines and newspapers has been proposed by Representative George M. Rhodes.

Good Deed Backfired

Walnut, Calif.- When a fuel-dry motorist stopped and asked William A. Garrett if he would give him enough gasoline to get to the nearest filling station, Garrett said: "Sure, follow me."

They went around to Garrett's back porch and began pouring gas into a container. But some of it spilled, trickled across the floor, and a gas refrigerator ignited the fumes. Garrett's home burned to the ground, with the loss estimated at $4,000.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Editor's note: Here are the questins asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. Can the weed known as mare's tail in pastures be controlled with chemical sprays? If so, what is recommended?

A. 2,4-D will be fairly satisfactory. Use 1½ to 2 pounds of 2,4-D ester per acre when the mare's tail is 8 to 10 inches high.

Q. What is the best small grain mixture for fall and winter pasture?

A. A mixture of rye and barley, or rye alone, will usually provide more grazing than other small grains. Seed rye alone at the rate of 2½ to 3 bushels per acre, or the rye-barley or other small grain mixture at the rate of 2 to 4 bushels per acre. Seed during August or early September.

Q. Why do my tomato blooms turn black and fall off without setting fruit?

A. There are several possible reasons. Too much nitrogen will sometimes cause the trouble. Some tomatoes simply don't set very well.

Q. What are the recommended seeding dates for alfalfa?

A. In Tidewater and eastern Virginia, make fall seedings after the first good rain in September and up to October 1. In middle and southern Piedmont, seed after the first good rain in August and up to September 15. In northern Piedmont and western Virginia, seed after the first good rain in August and up to September 1. Seeding early in the period listed for your area is preferable.

Q. Does it pay to cover a trench or bunker silo?

A. Yes! Studies have shown that a good cover will pay for itself three times over. Best results have been obtained with covers of plastic sheets, weighed down with sawdust or similar material. You can also use building paper covered with sawdust, ground limstone, or straw covered with dirt.

Q. Fire blight seems to be out of control on fruit and ornamental plants. Is it increasing?

A. Fire blight is a constant threat in many areas of Virginia and can flare up to serious proportions if not kept under control. There is no indication of a general increase, however. The best control is to apply antibiotic sprays in the spring. There's not much you can do new except to prune and burn the diseased materials.

Q. What can I do about cigarette beetles in my house?

A. This is not uncommon in areas where large amounts of cured tobacco are stored. There is no real control in homes except screening with fine mesh screen to keep the insects from coming in. DDT will control them on the screens, but they will keep coming regardless of sprays.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Is there much difference in the length of daylight in various parts of the United States?

Yes. At various times of the year there is quite a difference. For example, at the Winter Solstice there will be more than a hour's difference in the length of daylight in Maine and Florida. Florida will see the sun rise longer on that day.

Yet at the summer solstice and the spring equinox the length of daylight are nearly the same in the northern states. As is the case in winter, at the Winter Solstice, however, at the Summer Solstice the hours of sunshine are different in the northern areas in June than in Florida.

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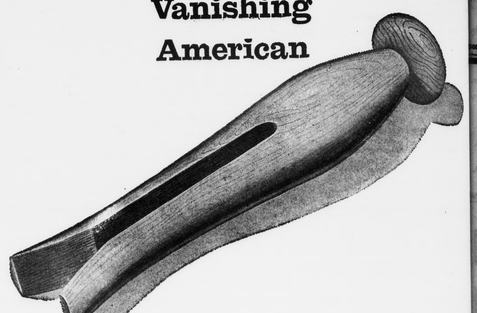

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...John Wilson Hix ...the week-end at Virginia

Mr. J. S. Hix, of Thomasville, N. C. is to arrive at the home of his brother, Mr. W. D. Hix on Tuesday. He will be an over-night guest until Friday.

Dr. Twyman Williams is vacationing in Lexington with his son and family.

Airman Hunter Goin, who with the James Foxes, is on his way to California, wrote while in Texas. They are enjoying the trip and expect to be in California on Tuesday.

SCIENTIFIC FEEDING HERE TO STAY

Haphazard feeding of livestock has gone the way of the one-horse shay and the milking stool.

Livestock feeding these days is a highly scientific affair, and researchers continue their search for better ways to put tastier, more inexpensive meat on the consumer's table, say animal husbandman at VPI.

For instance, here are some of the VPI specialist's notes on work being done in this and other countries on feeding livestock.

In Australia, a heavy cobalt "pebble" has been developed that provides enough slowly available cobalt to last sheep about 9 months when given by mouth with a bolus gun. The pebbles are now on sale in Virginia, and questions are being asked about their use. However, the specialists say sheep on pastures containing some legumes are getting enough cobalt.

At the Colorado Experiment Station, pellets for cattle were made from green corn before and after ensiling. Pellets of green corn before ensiling produced daily gains of 2.31 pounds per day compared to 1.47 pounds per day for ensilage pellets. The scientists explain the difference by reason of the loss of volatile organic acids from silage during the pelleting or dehydrating process.

Missouria workers report a comparison of the hormone hexestrol vs stilbestrol implanted in steers. During a period on pasture along, control animals receiving neither hormone gained 1.41 pounds per day, those implanted with hexestrol gained 1.66 and those implanted with stilbestrol gained 1.61. When yearling steers were fed grain on grass, the control animals gained 1.94, hexestrol-implanted animals gained 2.17, and stilbestrol - implanted animals gained 2.04 pounds. Implanting with hexestrol in another test gave 13 per cent more gains than no implants.

Tapazole is a substance which slows the thyroid gland activity, reduces the basal metabolic rate, and decreases the activity of animals. Theoretically, they should fatten better. Carcass grades have reportedly been improved by using tapazole. However, in one Missouri trial, feeding 300 milligrams of tapazole the last half of a 126-day fattening period did not increase carcass grade nor improve gains. Further study is needed before tapazole is recommended.

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"Wear and tear" research on carpets and rugs has yielded some information on how to make them last longer, report VPI Extension specialists.

They say to use a carpet cushion. It lengthens the life of the rug, since it fills in uneven spaces of the floor that might cause worn spots. A cushion also increases luxurious softness and warmth of the rug, and absorbs noise.

Turn rugs around periodically, so they'll wear evenly . If you have wall-to-wall carpeting installed, it is well to have matching or contrasting small rugs to protect heavy traffic areas and sections—in front of the television set for example.

When buying stair carpeting, allow a foot extra in length and fold it under against one or two risers. Before wear appears at the edge of the stair treads, shift the carpet an inch or two downward.

Looking for tasty uses for bits and pieces of left-over ham? Chop and stir into scrambled eggs. Blend into corn muffin batter. Add to mashed egg yolks for stuffing eggs. Use to season hot buttered rice or noodles.Combine with cottage cheese and chopped pickle relish as a spread for rye bread. Or stir into buttered hot green beans, limas or peas.

If an egg cracks, wrap it tightly in aluminum foil, add 1-2 minute to cookings time for soft cooking, or hard cook it as usual.

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